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SUBJECT: OMEGA AGREEMENT

1. I RAISED STATUS OF FRENCH RATIFICATION OF OMEGA AGREEMENT IN MY MEETING WITH QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL DE COURCEL MAY 23. NOTING THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WERE HOLDING UP FINAL FRENCH ACTION TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT SIGNED ALMOST 24 MONTHS AGO, I SAID THAT CONTINUED DELAY IN RATIFICATION DOES NOT SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE GOF OR OF THE USG, AND COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING TO BOTH. I ASKED THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT GIVE THIS MATTER URGENT ATTENTION WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING EXPEDITIOUS RATIFICATION.

2. DE COURCEL SAID HE WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM. HE AGREED THAT IT REQUIRED URGENT ATTENTION. HE UNDERTOOK TO REPORT MY INTERVENTION TO FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES, AND HE SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SAUVAGNARGUES INTERVENE DIRECTLY "WITH SEVERAL PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTIES" WITH A VIEW TO UNBLOCKING THE ASSEMBLY'S HANDLING OF RATIFICATION.
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